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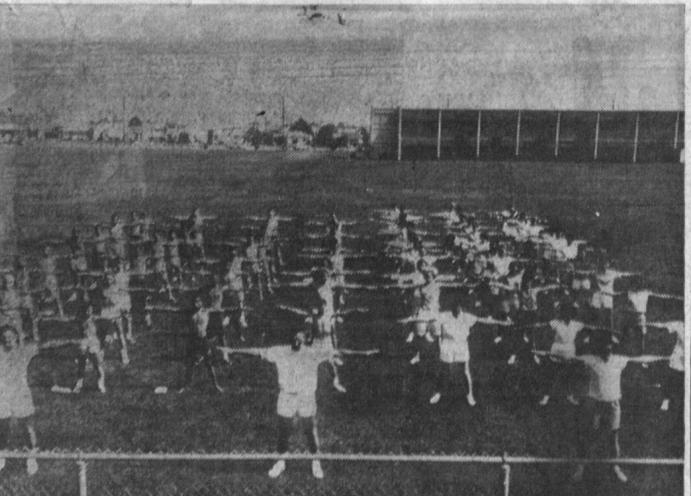
ADVANCED PLACEMENT — Taking advantage of the advanced placement services offered by the Torrance schools above 8th grade, students complete a class in mathematics at South High under the instruction of Richard

Davis. Students, from left, are Colin Aiken, Seaside; Chris Huey, Seaside; Dale Whitney, Sepulveda; John Russo, Marymount School; Robert Parker, Seaside.



COMBINING THE areas of social studies, research and art resulted in construction of realistic artifacts and customs of the Southwest Indians during the summer at Riviera School. Pic-

tures above are a few of the students involved in the project, from left, seated: Balduf Freymodsson, Timothy Black, Mary Jicha; standing: Paul Barker, Doug Geissert.



SUMMER SCHOOL in Torrance gave students an opportunity to combine athletics with physical fitness exer-

cises, a carry-over from the regular school curriculum during the winter.



INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION in reading is given by teacher Lynn Scott to Mike Premo and Richard Elliott at Madrona

Elementary School. Hundreds of sessions similar to this were repeated all over the district.

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Racial Situation Tied in Legal, Financial Knots

By BOB LUPO

Complicated legal maneuvers, continued mass arrests and demonstrations, and staggering financial costs to both sides marked the Torrance racial front this week — and the whole business took on the character of a ghastly charade in which all actors appeared to wish the curtain would fall — somehow.

The city of Torrance, developer Don Wilson, Southwood Homeowners, and CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) were in and out of court like old pro commuters, and CORE members were in and out of jail just about as often.

By Monday morning the total of CORE pickets, sit-ins and curfew violators had reached 201 since mid-June, 161 in the nine-day stretch from July 27 to Aug. 3. And more was to come, CORE promised.

Curfew Violated

Charges against 40 earlier sit-ins for trespassing on Wilson's property were dismissed before the new wave of demonstrations began June 29 in protest over Wilson's failure to sell any homes to Negroes in the Southwood Riviera Royale tract.

To the trespassing charges have been added aiding and counseling (conspiracy) counts against CORE leaders and contributing to the delinquency of a minor (where juveniles sat in), and this past weekend — 31 arrests on charges of breaking the city's weekend past-7 p.m. curfew.

Sixty-nine CORE people face trials on Aug. 13, 19, and 26, except for one, William Cravens of Pasadena, whose trial was deferred until his release from the army next year.

This group disqualified Torrance judge William Keene on grounds of prejudice, based on Keene's earlier remarks that the sit-ins were certainly guilty of disturbing the peace, even though the judge said he sympathized with their cause.

Bail Slash Denied

An additional 15 were arraigned yesterday and will be tried Aug. 29. Five more are to be arraigned tomorrow. The 72 arrested this past weekend face arraignment next week.

Attorneys for CORE indicated they would probably seek a change of venue for those scheduled to be tried in Torrance. The group has asked for jury trials, and attorney A. L. Wirin has threatened to seek individual trials as well. Judge Keene has ordered the sit-ins tried in groups.

Attempts to get bail reduced from \$262.50 apiece to \$25 or less were denied in both Torrance and Redondo courts. Attorneys for CORE argued that the demonstrators were merely seeking to establish in Torrance what U.S. courts have already established as "public policy," namely, desegregation. Torrance prosecutor C. F. Catterlin argued that should not be considered in setting bail where the law is broken, regardless of the

merits of the case.

Meanwhile, the city was shuttling in and out of Los Angeles courts, together with attorneys for Wilson and the Southwood residents, seeking an injunction to limit picketing. The hearing finally wound up in Judge Alfred Gitelson's court after Judge Kenneth Chantry disqualified himself. Gitelson promised a ruling by Friday.

Legal experts were predicting that the city's curfew law would eventually fall in higher courts, and that the charges against CORE members would eventually be dismissed or would fall, despite the technical correctness of many of the charges. The injunction limiting picketing most likely will be granted, however, these experts told The Press.

As for financial costs, city manager Wade Peebles told The Press that police overtime alone has been averaging \$6,500 a weekend, and with equipment operation, legal charges and other expense, the city is spending roughly \$30,000 a month to deal with the Southwood situation.

Cost of a House

That figure is equivalent to the cost of a house in the tract.

Bails posted by CORE to date run close to \$60,000 dollars, including about 10 per cent for the fees for the bonds.

That's about two houses. At those rates, the city and CORE could combine financial forces and develop a new tract — presumably integrated.

That would be all right with Mayor Isen, who recently indicated to The Press that he didn't oppose integration.

"They (apparently meaning Negroes) can move next door to me if they want to," Isen said. Then he added "Please don't quote me." Isen's hillside home overlooks the Southwood tract.

What the Mayor Said

In Honolulu a couple of months ago, Isen was widely quoted as saying "Torrance has no racial problem. We have no Negroes." Isen has since denied making the statement. He explained at two city council meetings what he said he really said.

"I was asked, along with other mayors, to organize a biracial city commission on human rights. I replied that Torrance didn't have any Negroes who could serve on such a board."

More demonstrations are in store for the Southwood tract, CORE has promised. And the court dates and the arrests pile up.

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TICKETS, ANYONE? Ellen Yocum shows Joey Starkey her tickets to the annual Aquacade, Open House and

Carnival, scheduled Friday and Saturday by Torrance Recreation Department.

CITY GAINS AND GAINS—IN PEOPLE!

We're getting there! Latest figures released by the county's regional planning commission show that Torrance has practically closed the population gap on Pasadena.

Torrance has gained 3,162 people since Jan. 1, building its total popula-

tion to 118,245. Pasadena stands at 120,449. The difference: just 2,204.

By January, city officials estimated last night, Torrance will have passed Pasadena and be almost up to Glendale (about 128,000). By this time next year, Torrance should be

the county's third largest city, trailing only Los Angeles and Long Beach.

With high-rise developments on the horizon, Torrance will probably have 150,000 or more residents within two years—and would be approaching metropolitan status.

College Showdown Due Aug. 16, Drale Tells Council

Torrance's bid for the new state college apparently lost a month ago to Palos Verdes Peninsula has revived sharply—and a whole new hearing is scheduled for about Aug. 16.

Councilman Nick Drale told the city council last night that the state board of public works, recognizing mounting Peninsula opposition—even by those previously desiring the college—to using scientific zoned land—and the excessive cost of other Peninsula land now

in the process of subdivision—requires a new look.

This impending development was first reported in The Press just after the meeting which resulted in the state college trustees award of the site to the Peninsula.

Drale said last night the college hearing will be either at Los Angeles or Long Beach State College on or about Aug. 16.

In other actions the council:

Opposed a 40-hour week

for firemen but agreed to study reducing the week from 67 to 60 hours.

Accepted with regret the resignation of John Melville from the planning commission.

Asked Sacramento for a further population study to gain additional gas tax funds for the third and fourth quarter.

Approved the Joslyn Recreation Center construction budget after slashing some \$5,498, leaving about \$165,000.

MEXICAN GROUPS PROTEST ON BIAS

Mexican American Democratic Club will meet at 8 tonight at Sasser's Cafe, Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, to select delegates to meet with Vice President Lyndon Johnson Friday evening at the Hotel Hilton.

Purpose of the meeting with Johnson will be to discuss discrimination against the Mexican American in the Harbor area, according to Henry Flores of Wilmington, president.

Pacific Riviera Seeks Ball Title

Pacific Riviera's Pony Leaguers, who won the District I playoff last weekend, beating Redondo Beach, West Torrance, and Rolling Hills, open play tonight in San Pedro for the sectional title. The 5 p.m. game is at Block Field.

The local team, led by pitcher Chuck Fernandez, whipped Rolling Hills, 12-6, in the playoff tilt. Pacific Riviera got three homers, two by Mike Jefferson and one by Steve Crayton.

SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVES BUDGET

The Torrance Unified School District board of education passed its official \$14,697,000 budget Monday night, based on estimated income of \$14,438,000, with the \$259,000 deficit to be made up from reserves built by the three-year 50-cent override which ends next June 30.

A full report on the district's financial picture and Monday's meeting will be in Friday's edition of The Press. Look for it.